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SUBJECT: FONMIN'S SPEECH ON THE HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS

BEGIN SUMMARY: FONMIN PERDOMO ADDRESSED THE COUNTRY ON A NATIONAL NETWORK OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 20, 1976 REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE BREAKING LITTLE NEW GROUND, PERDOMO DID STRESS THAT SIX OF THE SEVEN OUTSTANDING POINTS WERE ESSENTIALLY SETTLED; HOWEVER, THE DIFFICULT TASK OF DELINEATING THE FRONTIER REMAINS TO BE SETTLED. PERDOMO ALSO PRAISED SALVADORAN FONMIN BORGONOVO. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN PERDOMO ADDRESSED THE COUNTRY ON A NATIONAL NETWORK OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 20, 1976 REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR. AFTER A PRO-FORMA OPENING, PERDOMO SAID THAT THE SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 13TH OASMFH HAD SET A FAVORABLE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT POINT

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FOUR -- THE DEMARCATION OF THE FRONTIERS -- WAS AN EXTREMELY COMPLEX ISSUE AND THAT THIS WAS THE POINT ON WHICH HE AND BORGONOVO HAD FOCUSED MOST OF THEIR ATTENTION. PERDOMO STATED THAT EL SALVADOR RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE FRONTIER WAS A POLITICAL REALITY AND WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEED TO DELINEATE IT.

2. PERDOMO NOTED THAT HE HAD MET FIVE TIMES WITH BORGONOVO. HE CALLED THOSE MEETINGS PRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF GAINING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER AND CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE AND CORDIALITY. PERDOMO RESTATED HONDURAS' COMMITMENT TO A GLOBAL AND SIMULTANEOUS PEACE SETTLEMENT.

3. PERDOMO COMMENTED THAT SOME SECTORS OF THE WRITTEN AND BROADCAST MEDIA WERE CALLING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. PERDOMO MAINTAINED THAT THIS WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH NATIONAL SECURITY AND, INDEED, SECRECY IN THE CONDUCT OF DIPLOMACY WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION.

4. THE FONMIN SAID THAT THE GOH WISHED TO ENTER THE CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMUNITY, BUT ONLY AFTER BILATERAL DIFFERENCES WITH EL SALVADOR HAD BEEN SETTLED. HE STATED THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS WOULD MAKE ANY AGREEMENT PUBLIC AT THE TIME THAT IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROVAL. FURTHER, PERDOMO INDICATED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON SIX OF THE SEVEN OUTSTANDING POINTS, LEAVING ONLY THE ISSUE OF DELINEATING THE FRONTIER. HE SAID THAT THE TWO FONMINS WERE LOOKING FOR A FORMULA BY WHICH THE FRONTIER COULD BE SETTLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCUMENTATION HELD BY EACH SIDE.

5. BEGIN COMMENT: PERDOMO'S SPEECH AND PRESS CONFERENCE BROKE LITTLE NEW GROUND. IT WAS PROBABLY PROVOKED BY PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. END COMMENT.
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